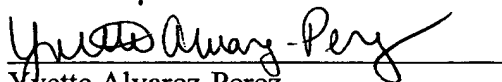


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to an Office action dated July 8, 2003, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.